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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM USING ACOUSTIC EJECTION FOR PREPARING AND ANALYZING A CELLULAR SAMPLE SURFACE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and make of record the references identified below.

The references identified below and listed on the attached PTO-1449 form as Reference Nos. AA-AH were disclosed in parent application Serial No. 10/066,546, filed January 30, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/784,705, filed February 14, 2001. As such, copies of the references are not included pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

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The references identified below and listed on the attached PTO-1449 form as Reference Nos. AI-AV are newly cited. As such, copies of the references are included.

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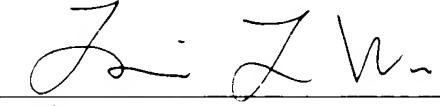
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